



Newsletter

Past Pupils' Association Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya

Committee 2024/2025

In keeping with time-honoured tradition, the Committee paused to capture a moment of solidarity, gathering at the sacred Grotto to immortalise their bond in a committee photograph.

In this snapshot, they weren't just individuals but a collective force, bound by their commitment to a common cause.



At the heart of our PPA family at Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya, lies a powerful bond that transcends mere friendship; we are sisters-in-arms, united by a singular passion and a shared vision, with one unwavering goal: to propel the PPA to unprecedented heights while proudly upholding the blue and white flag of our alma mater.

Engage with Us: Attend our gatherings, reunions, and events to reconnect with old friends, forge new bonds, and share in the joy of our collective achievements.

Connect Online: Stay abreast of the latest developments and opportunities through our social media platforms, ensuring that distance does not diminish the strength of our bond.

Volunteer Your Talents: Your unique skills and expertise are invaluable assets in our pursuit of excellence. Consider lending your time and efforts by actively joining events and programmes that are being organised.

Spread the Word: Help us expand our reach and amplify our impact by



Together, we can inspire others to join our cause and contribute to the legacy we are building.



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Patroness' Message



As we journey through the corridors of time, let us take a moment to reflect on the timeless values embodied by the Holy Family. Just as they exemplified love, compassion, and humility, so too do we strive to emulate these virtues within our school community.

The Holy Family serves as a profound example of unity, understanding, and devotion. Through their unwavering faith and mutual respect, they remind us of the importance of familial bonds and the strength found in togetherness. Their story resonates deeply within our hearts, guiding us towards a path of righteousness and kindness.

In the spirit of the Holy Family, let us strive to create a nurturing environment where love and respect reign supreme. Let us extend kindness to one another, offering support and encouragement as we pursue our dreams and aspirations.

May the values of the Holy Family continue to guide us on our journey, illuminating our path with hope and wisdom. Together, let us build a community rooted in faith, compassion, and love, embodying the timeless teachings of the Holy Family for generations to come.

Rev. Sr. Shirani Vaas
Patroness
Past Pupils' Association 2024/2025



President's Message



Shihara Wimalaratne
President
Past Pupils' Association 2024/2025

My dear Familians,

I am greatly humbled and privileged to represent you as the President of the Past Pupils' Association of our beloved alma mater, Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya.

I am deeply committed to elevating both our school and the Past Pupils' Association to new heights. My aim is to foster strong bonds of friendship and fellowship among our alumni and school, ensuring a legacy of connection and support within our community.

My dear Familians, let's get together this year to uphold the Familian values and contribute selflessly to make our Familian flag fly high. Let us always remember and be grateful to our alma mater who made us who we are today.

We're gearing up for another thrilling year of events, and I warmly invite you all to join us in the festivities. I'm dedicated to empowering our dynamic Committee to excel and innovate, ensuring that our events are engaging, memorable, and inclusive for all. Let's make this year one to remember!

I humbly seek the most precious blessings and graces from our Heavenly Father. All thanks, praise, glory, and honour belong to Him, our ultimate saviour, who grants us the strength to overcome obstacles and achieve greatness.

May He continue to bless us with courage, wisdom, and endurance to carry out our plans for the year, according to His will.

Glory be to God alone!!!



Principal's Message



Rev. Sr. Charitha Thandalge
Principal
Holy Family Convent,
Bambalapitiya

A tree is known by its fruits.

“For a good tree doesn’t bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit” (Luke 6: 43-44).

The Grand Old Lady by the Sea is well known for her illustrious daughters, granddaughters, and great granddaughters as she has produced great alumni over 121 years. Being the centre of this chain, the Past Pupils’ Association has a significant responsibility to connect all her sisters to their second home – “HFC”.

So, my dear Shihara, the new President and her Committee Members, and all the past pupils around the world, you will be recognised by your words and deeds.

The very virtues of this HFC tree will be seen in its saplings – your individual Familian characters.

Hence,

when you pray and work unceasingly,
your readiness to undertake any responsibility,
your commitment and faithfulness to the tasks entrusted to you in the family and in society,
you leading a faith filled and charitable life, and
when you strive for nothing but the best,

the world will recognise your lineage. People will get to know your alma mater, your second home, by your deeds and behaviour.

Hence, progress forward, keeping in mind the words of our Founder, Pierre Bienvenu Noailles, to our Sisters at the beginning – “Go forward, there is nothing to stop your journey”.

May you be blessed with strength and courage to continue your good work to bring glory to your alma mater.

Glory be to God alone!



90th Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils' Association of Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya, was held on the 24th of February 2024, at the school auditorium.



The day commenced with the traditional Holy Mass held at the chapel, followed by a complimentary lunch served beneath the school auditorium. This generous gesture of providing lunch free of charge to the membership was extended by the Committee of 2023/2024 as a token of appreciation and camaraderie.





90th Annual General Meeting



The Committee 2023/2024 of the Past Pupils' Association proudly donated LKR 2,000,000.00 towards the school's visionary five-year plan.

This generous contribution will specifically support the construction of a much-needed swimming pool, enhancing our alma mater's facilities and enriching the educational experience for future generations.





90th Annual General Meeting

Appointment of the President for the year 2024/ 2025





90th Annual General Meeting





Meet Our Vibrant Committee



Shihara Wimalaratne - President

96 Batch - I work at George Steuart Travels Ltd as the General Manager. I am proud to be working at an establishment which is more than 189 years in existence and one of the top 3 travel agents in Sri Lanka.



Niroshi Nicholas - Vice President

93 Batch - Engaged in exports business. I like to do social work & I am a member of the Inner Wheel Club.



Sonali Crusz - Vice President

99 Batch - My most significant accomplishment has been the successful transition from the corporate realm to the launch of my own event management company. Reflecting on the journey thus far fills me with a profound sense of fulfilment and personal satisfaction.



Niroshini Perera - Joint Secretary

97 Batch - Holds a degree in MIS - University of Ireland and have been working at KPMG. My most significant achievement, beyond professional milestones, is the joy of becoming a mother to my two wonderful children. This experience encompasses all other achievements in my life thus far.



Sawasdee Zoysa - Joint Secretary

98 Batch - I am the Head of Operations at Canvas (Pvt) Ltd, an interior design company. Outside of work and family, I cherish spending time with my friends and loved ones, always prioritising creating memorable moments and enjoying life to the fullest.



Shalini Dinuka Johnpillai - Treasurer

96 Batch - Assistant General Manager (Finance) at National Water Supply & Drainage Board and Deputy Director (Finance) at Centre of Excellence for Water & Sanitation. A visiting lecturer at NIBM & ATI (Dehiwala). Holding ACMA (UK), MBA & B.Com (Special) with experience of more than 23 years in the non-governmental sector.



Meet Our Vibrant Committee



**Piomalie de Almeida -
Assistant Treasurer**

97 Batch - Key achievements - Managing family life and a demanding corporate career for 26 years. My interests are athletics, dancing, acting and singing.



**Ms. Rangika Warnesuriya -
Teacher Coordinator**

89 Batch - Greatest achievement is that I have been a teacher at HFC for almost 28 years.



Sara Gallage - Immediate Past President

92 Batch- Mother of two. daughter a past pupil and son a London AL final year student at St Peter's College. Talent Manager at Mitra Innovation Pvt Ltd. Ex-banker with over 25 years' experience.



**Avanthi Warnapura -
Committee Member**

99 Batch - A Director of Freshway Bakers and The Stream Side by Freshway. I have three kids (one who is a Familian herself). Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and creating amazing memories with them.



Shazna Irshad - Committee Member

98 Batch - A mother of two beautiful girls - both products of HFC, a loving son - product of SPC and grandmother to two cheeky grandsons. As a full time housewife I enjoy cooking and baking. I'm a nature lover and love to explore new places. I enjoy the company of my friends and family.



Kavindi Fernando - Committee Member

2014 Batch- Serving at Citibank N.A., Colombo for 9 years, I currently manage Lending Operations. Holding Associate Membership of CIMA and IBSL, and a degree in Business Management from Northumbria University, I am currently pursuing an MBA at the University of Colombo. My proudest accomplishment is navigating career advancement alongside academic and professional pursuits.



Meet Our Vibrant Committee



Wendy De Silva - Committee Member

2000 Batch - Housewife and a mum to three boys. My husband and I run a care home in Panadura. My greatest achievement to date was when I climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and placed our Sri Lankan flag at its highest point.



Kalpani de Mel - Committee Member

98 Batch - I've been a banker for 17 years, and left the banking sector to venture into the tourism industry. I love the time spent with my son and daughter. My greatest achievement is taking a risk and building up my own business during challenging times, by leaving a corporate job.



Manoja Pinto - Committee Member

98 Batch - I consider my greatest achievement as being able to be a care giver. I have volunteered at elders' and children's homes to spend time and listen to their inspiring stories about life. Being able to stop a crying baby or a toddler and having them close to me not only fills my heart but my soul too.



Dilshani Fernando - Committee Member

2004 Batch - I am currently attached to HSBC as Manager Compliance and have been with the bank for almost 2 decades. I have a son and a daughter aged 13 and 6 years. I love to travel, listen to music, and enjoy dancing.



Thilanka Anurada Kollure - Committee Member

2000 Batch - Product developer by profession and currently reading for my MBA at the University of Colombo. Achieved much in life but most special is representing Sri Lanka at the 7th South Asian Session of the International YCS Movement held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Surangi Perera Edirisinghe ('Sungi') - Committee Member

97 Batch - A teacher at Ave Maria Convent, Negombo teaching English and Civic Education in the English medium. Mother of three daughters - one aged 18 and a set of twins aged 12. Reading and doing nail art during free time keeps me stress free 😊. Love socialising and traveling. Spending time with children is my passion.



Meet Our Vibrant Committee



Janice Hakeel-Ranasinghe-Jamaldeen - Committee Member

99 Batch - I am the creator and builder of an event company - KAIROS Events and Weddings, which is 19 years old. Alongside this I have the joy of being mum to Mikhail, Sofiya and Rafael. My greatest achievement is annoying my husband successfully. LOL



Fazna Gaffoor - Committee Member

2004 Batch - Teacher of English, Speech and Communication. A trained teacher with 17 years of teaching and tutoring experience.



Sandani Mawalage - Committee Member

2013 Batch - Worked at Habitat for Humanity Sri Lanka as Assistant Accountant for a European Union Project with 8 years experience. Now a full time housewife.



Rukshani Fernando - Committee Member

2013 Batch - I work at Darley Butler & Co. PLC as a Brand Manager with more than 10 years of experience in the field of marketing.



Vindhya Fernando - Committee Member

2005 Batch - Head of Business Development - Corporate Training at AION, subsidiary of Siera Group . A marketer with over 15 years of corporate experience in diverse job roles and industries , including banking, insurance, construction, leasing, project management, education, cosmetics, pyrotechnics and training. Have been a pioneer in rebranding a 40 year old construction company.



Eresha Kandanaarachchi - Committee Member

98 Batch - I am a former banker who was in the banking industry for 23 years. Currently enjoying my leisure time with my daughter while working as a freelancer. Love reading and animals, especially cats. Believe in enjoying life to the fullest at any given point.



First Committee Meeting

The 90th PPA Committee's first meeting, held on the 2nd of March 2024, in the school staff room was a momentous occasion marked by camaraderie and ambition. As the Committee gathered, they commemorated this remarkable milestone with a ceremonious cutting of a celebratory cake, symbolising the Association's enduring dedication and unity. Energised by the significance of the moment, discussions brimmed with enthusiasm as plans for the forthcoming year were passionately deliberated and discussed.





College Sports Meet 2024

The College Inter-House Sports Meet, held on 13th March 2024, at the Police Park Grounds, was a vibrant display of athletic prowess and school spirit. Representing the PPA were President Shihara Wimalaratne and Vice Presidents Sonali Crusz and Niroshi Nicholas, alongside other esteemed Committee Members.

The event evoked a sense of nostalgia and pride as we witnessed the remarkable achievements of our young athletes. Their dedication and triumphs served as a testament to the values of sportsmanship and excellence instilled by our school. It was truly a joyous occasion, reaffirming the importance of fostering a supportive community and celebrating the achievements of our students.





Member Information Update Drive 2024

We are excited to announce an initiative aimed at ensuring our database remains accurate and up-to-date. As part of this effort, we kindly request you to verify and update your information using the link provided.

By participating in this process, you will help strengthen our connections with the community and enable us to provide more personalised communication in the future.

If you encounter any difficulties or require further assistance, please feel free to reach out to our Joint Secretaries at ppahfcb1934@gmail.com.



Past Pupils' Association
of Holy Family Convent Bambalapitiya

WE ARE UPDATING OUR DATABASE!

PLEASE USE THE LINK PROVIDED TO
SEND US YOUR UPDATED
INFORMATION

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT NIROSHINI ON +94 77 748 5268



Day of Recollection

Amidst a sacred ambiance, the Past Pupils' Association hosted the Day of Recollection on 17th March 2024, at our beloved school chapel.

Over 150 participants graced the occasion, filling the sacred space with their presence and raising their voices in unison to the Lord our God, offering praise, worship, and thanksgiving. It was a truly remarkable gathering, a divine blessing marking the inception of our calendar year.





Event Line Up 2024

Welcome to the highly anticipated Past Pupils' Association event lineup for the year 2024!

We are thrilled to unveil a diverse array of events and activities crafted with the utmost care to foster connections among alumni, commemorate cherished moments and contribute to the advancement of our beloved alma mater.

Join us for a memorable journey as we gather and revel in joyous camaraderie!

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ANNUAL SOCIAL

GLITZ & GLOW!



DINNER DANCE 2024

A RED CARPET AFFAIR

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**MASS FOR THE
DEARLY DEPARTED**



Annual Social 2024

Come celebrate with us at the annual Social of the Past Pupils' Association of Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya! 🎉

Don't let this exciting event pass you by! Secure your tables early to ensure you don't miss out on the fun. It's a fantastic chance to reunite with old friends, fondly recall days gone by, and forge new memories together.

We can't wait to see you there!

Reserve your spot now and let's make this gathering unforgettable!



Kindly note that the deadline for payment is 10th May 2024.
Please use the following details.

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Narration - Social 2024 xxx (i.e. your name and surname)

Please share a screenshot or a confirmation with value and date to Dilshani on 077 304 4991 or Thilanka on 075 366 0339



Fostering Stronger Bonds

The Old Boys' Union of St. Peter's College, Colombo 04, extended an exclusive invitation for Associate Club Membership to their Lounge, to the PPA Committee of Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya and the Old Boys' Union of St. Joseph's College, Colombo 10, a testament to the power of fostering camaraderie and collaboration among the schools.

By rolling out the red carpet and offering access to their Lounge, they were not only strengthening the bonds between our esteemed institutions but also creating a platform for alumni to connect, support each other, and celebrate their shared heritage, an initiative that not only honours tradition but also paves the way for meaningful relationships and partnerships to flourish in the future.





PPA Committee News

We wish to inform our valued members that Ms. Prashani Fernando, our Joint Secretary-elect, has tendered her resignation as she has been offered a teaching position overseas.

We extend our heartfelt wishes for her success in this new endeavor and bid her a fond farewell.

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Sawasdee Zoysa has graciously accepted the position offered.

We welcome Sawasdee to the team and look forward to her contributions.

Furthermore, we are delighted to welcome Ms. Eresha Kandanaarachchi to fill the vacancy left on the Committee.

Eresha joins the Committee at the invitation of the Executive Committee, and we are confident in her ability to serve effectively.

Please join us in wishing all three of them the best of luck in all their endeavors.



Prashani Fernando



Sawasdee Zoysa



Eresha Kandanaarachchie



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